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Introduction

The economics agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture release up-to-date information on the domestic and foreign agricultural situation. Their reports estimate production and stocks, analyze market conditions, and forecast supply and demand.

This issue of **Reports** describes these and other publications issued by the Economic Research Service and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. Pages 8-10 and pages 12-13 contain ordering information.

The Economic Research Service issues outlook and situation reports which analyze the current situation and forecast market conditions for major commodities, farm inputs, and farm trade. See page 11. Other ERS

periodicals, annual reports, and monographs are described on pages 3-7. Use the GPO coupon on pages 8-10.

The Economic Research Service has just completed a series of 14 commodity background papers to be used in preparation for the 1985 farm bill. Complimentary copies are available. See page 15.

The World Agricultural Outlook Board issues regular forecasts of U.S. and world supply and demand prospects for major agricultural commodities. See page 15.

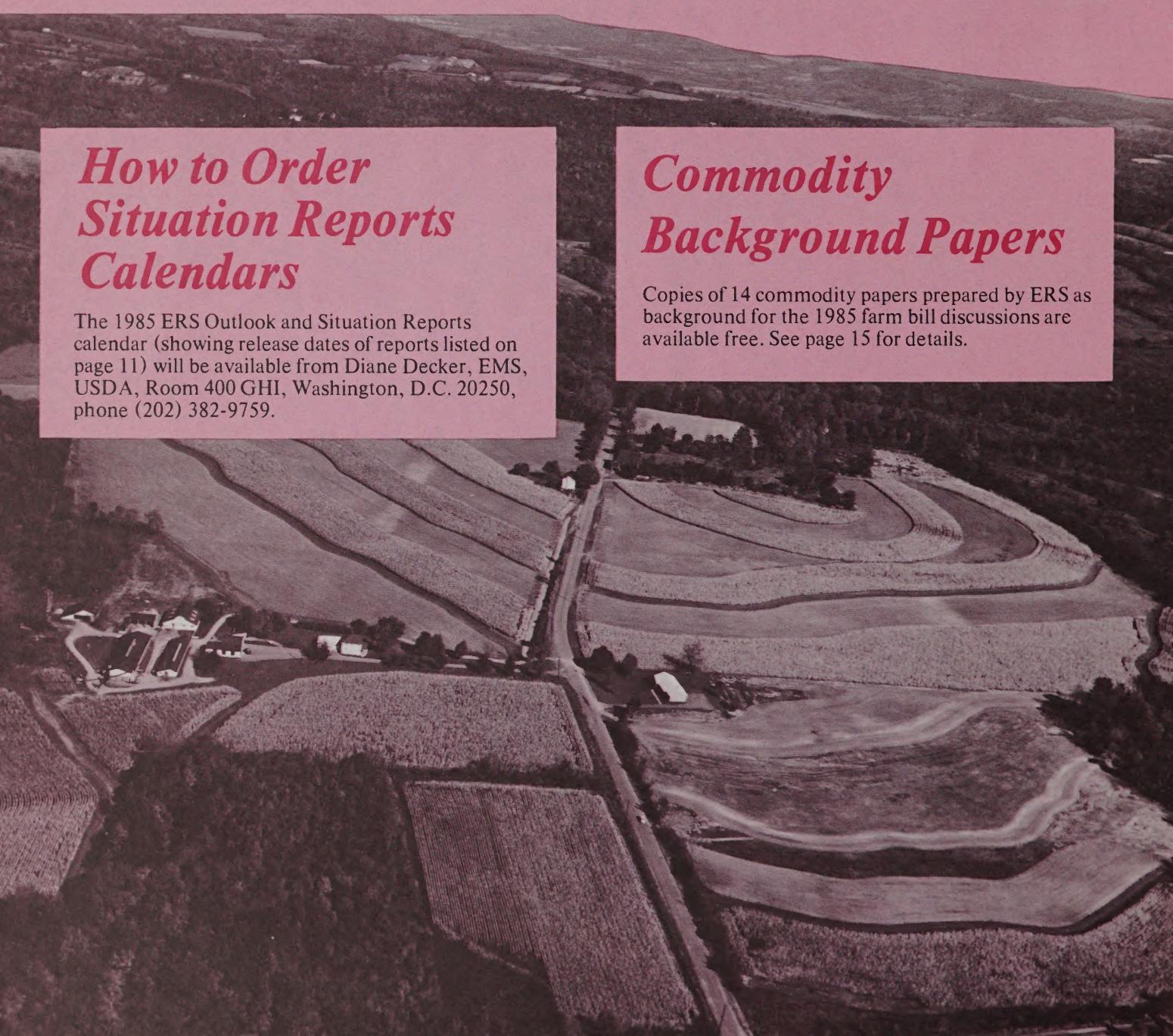
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How to Order Situation Reports Calendars

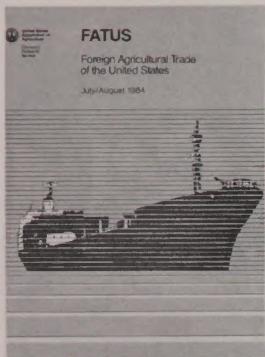
The 1985 ERS Outlook and Situation Reports calendar (showing release dates of reports listed on page 11) will be available from Diane Decker, EMS, USDA, Room 400 GHI, Washington, D.C. 20250, phone (202) 382-9759.

Commodity Background Papers

Copies of 14 commodity papers prepared by ERS as background for the 1985 farm bill discussions are available free. See page 15 for details.

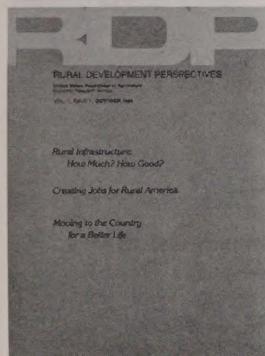


ERS Periodicals



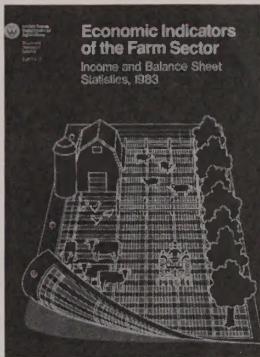
Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States. 6 issues per year; averages 90 pages per issue. Subscription \$21.00 domestic; \$26.25 foreign.

If you need to know about agricultural trade, you need FATUS, a bimonthly statistical report on farm exports and imports. FATUS reports on farm exports and imports by country and commodity, plus price trends. Two supplements provide over 500 pages of annual data on the quantity and value of U.S. exports and imports by commodity and country.



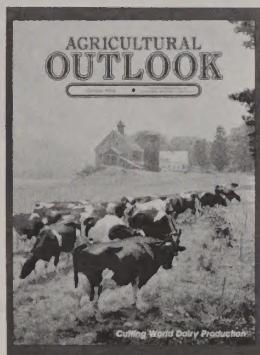
Rural Development Perspectives. 3 issues per year, February, June, October; averages 44 pages per issue. Subscription \$10.00 domestic; \$12.50 foreign.

Issues facing rural America, written in a crisp, nontechnical style. Premier issues discuss low-income counties, rural America's infrastructure, managing local rural governments, and migration to rural areas.



Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector. A series of 5 annual issues; averages more than 100 pages of statistics and analysis per issue. Subscription \$15.00 domestic; \$18.75 foreign.

Each issue explores a different aspect of the economic situation of U.S. farms and farm operator income and expenses, giving a comprehensive update on trends in U.S. agriculture. Topics include national and State balance sheet statistics, farm sector review, production and efficiency statistics, and costs of production.



Agricultural Outlook. 11 issues per year; averages 48 pages per issue. Subscription \$29.00 domestic; \$36.25 foreign.

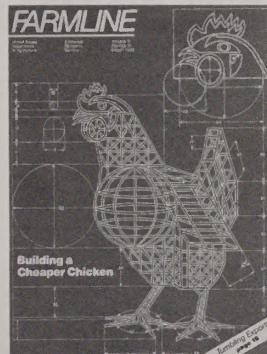
USDA's official outlet for farm income and food price forecasts. Emphasizes the

short-term outlook, but also presents special long-term analyses of issues ranging from international trade to U.S. land use and availability. Regular coverage includes the outlook for commodity supply and demand, world agriculture and trade, food and marketing, farm inputs, agricultural policy, transportation and storage, and links between the general economy and agriculture.



National Food Review. Quarterly; averages 36 pages per issue. Subscription \$11.00 domestic; \$13.75 foreign.

Clear, nontechnical accounts of the latest developments in food prices, product safety, nutrition programs, consumption patterns, marketing, and production technology. Each issue discusses Federal legislation affecting food.



Farmland. 11 issues per year; averages 20 pages per issue. Subscriptions \$18.00 domestic; \$22.50 foreign.

Winner of Blue Ribbon award from Agricultural Communicators in Education.

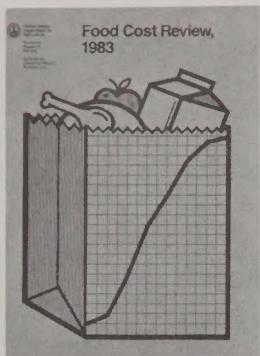
Practical economic information, covering farm economics in an easily read style, reinforced with charts and statistics, for those without time to review all the technical reports. Covers such issues as production and marketing of major farm commodities, world agriculture and trade, farm finances, land and water use, productivity, rural development, cost and price trends, farm inputs, and others.



Agricultural Economics Research. Quarterly journal; averages 44 pages per issue. Subscription \$11.00 domestic; \$13.75 foreign.

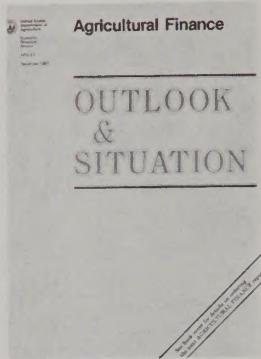
Technical research in agricultural economics, econometric models, and statistics focusing on methods employed and results of USDA economic research. Includes discussions of commodity studies, functional analyses, and new or expanding areas of research and statistics.

ERS Annual Reports



Food Cost Review, 1983.
AER-514. June 1984. 56 pp.
\$2.25. Order SN: 001-019-
00343-0 from GPO.

A wrapup of price changes at the supermarket in 1983. Finds that food prices (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) rose only 2.1 percent in 1983, down from 4 percent in 1982 and 7.9 percent in 1981. Although the news was good for shoppers, the news for farmers was mixed. The farm value of foods sold in grocery stores, after rising only 1.2 percent in 1982, actually fell 2.2 percent. Most of the decline reflected lower prices for meat and fresh fruit.



Agricultural Finance.
Available from GPO in December 1984. Call GPO order desk at (202) 783-3238 for price and ordering information.

Assesses the overall well-being of the Nation's farm economy and prospects for the upcoming year for income, interest rates, debt, assets, investments, and real estate.



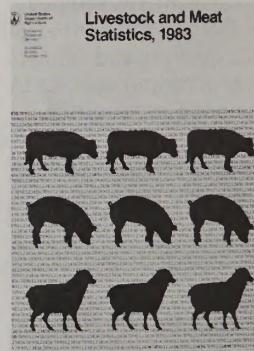
**Food Consumption, Prices,
and Expenditures, 1963-83.**
SB-713. November 1984. 112 pp. \$4.50. Order SN: 001-019-00370-7 from GPO.

Over 100 tables present the latest annual estimates of per capita food consumption by product, food supplies and utilization, nutrient availability, and retail and producer price indexes.



Farm Real Estate Market Developments. CD-89. August 1984. 40 pp. \$1.75. Order SN: 001-019-00363-4 from GPO.

Provides data on U.S. farmholdings, including the latest estimates of the value of farmland and buildings, taxes, cash rents, land transfers, financing arrangements, and who's buying and who's selling.



Livestock and Meat Statistics, 1983. SB-715. November 1984. 172 pp. \$4.50. Order SN: 001-019-00369-3 from GPO.

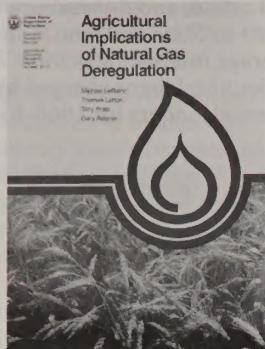
USDA's yearbook of livestock numbers, a comprehensive source for data on cattle and calves, hogs, sheep, and lambs. This report includes production, inventories, numbers fed, marketings, slaughter, meat production, prices, per capita consumption, and trade. Presents the latest annual USDA estimates and provides up to a decade of historical data.



1984 Handbook of Agricultural Charts. AH-637. December 1984. 92 pp. \$3.75. Order SN: 001-019-00368-5 from GPO.

Trends come alive with 272 charts depicting all significant aspects of agriculture. A valuable research tool, popular teaching device, and convenient format for presenting a complete overview of the agricultural sector. The charts illustrate data and trends for agricultural subjects ranging from farm income to consumer costs, and from commodities to agricultural trade. Charts showing food programs, cost of production figures, farmland numbers, and population trends round out the agricultural picture. Copies available from GPO beginning in December 1984. For your copy, use the GPO order form. NOTE: An enlargements version of this chartbook, with each of the 272 charts in black and white on a page of its own, will also be offered from GPO this year for \$7.50 per copy. Use the GPO order form for your copy.

New from ERS



Agricultural Implications of Natural Gas Deregulation, by Michael LeBlanc, Thomas Lutton, Tony Prato, and Gary Reisner. AER-512. July 1984. 24 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00334-1 from GPO.

An examination of the implications of three policy options for Federal deregulation of natural gas prices for 1983-90: a phased-in price decontrol, a 2-year freeze on gas prices, and accelerated decontrol of wellhead gas prices.



Furrow Dike Water Conservation Practices in the Texas High Plains, by Glen L. Wistrand. TB-1691. September 1984. 28 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00345-6 from GPO.

Furrow diking can prevent irrigation and rainfall runoff, conserve energy, prevent soil loss, and allow producers to reclaim land. Initial investment to use the technique may be recovered within the first season.



Drip Irrigation for Cotton: Implications for Farm Profits, by Paul Wilson, Harry Ayer, and Gary Snider. AER-517. July 1984. 40 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00346-4 from GPO.

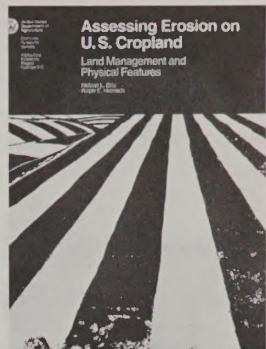
In experiments, water-saving drip irrigation has cut water use by up to 50 percent and raised cotton yields by a half bale or more per acre in the arid Southwest. New detailed data show that the costs of operating a drip system on a cotton farm in central Arizona are comparable with the costs of operating a conventional furrow irrigation system.



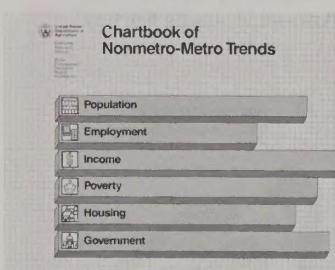
Control of Exotic Pests: Forecasting Economic Impacts, by Fred Kuchler and Michael Duffy. AER-518. August 1984. 24 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00350-2 from GPO.

Crop losses from pests do not always reduce grower profits. Looking at an exotic soybean

pest in various scenarios, this study examines the productivity losses caused by soybean rust and reports that growers' income levels generally are elevated because commodity price increases often outweigh production losses.



Assessing Erosion on U.S. Cropland: Land Management and Physical Features, by Nelson L. Bills and Ralph E. Heimlich. AER-513. July 1984. 24 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00341-3 from GPO.



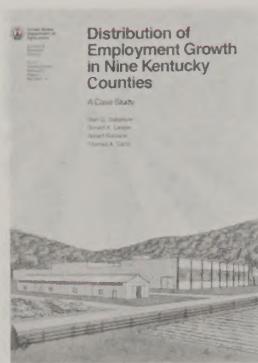
Chartbook of Nonmetro-Metro Trends, RDRR-43. September 1984. 48 pp. \$2.50. Order SN: 001-019-00351-1 from GPO.

An overview of trends in rural development. Charts, tables, maps, and text measure differences in population, employment, income, poverty, housing, and government. Provides the reader with a quick method for discerning socioeconomic trends in metro and nonmetro areas.

Also Available:

Cotton Ginning Charges, Harvesting Practices, and Selected Marketing Costs, 1983/84 Season. September 1984. 4 pp. Available in limited quantities from ERS Publications, USDA, Room 0054-South, Washington, D.C. 20250.

New from ERS



Distribution of Employment Growth in Nine Kentucky Counties: A Case Study, by Stan G. Daberkow, Donald K. Larson, Robert Coltrane, and Thomas A. Carlin. RDRR-41. August 1984. 44 pp. \$2.25. Order SN: 001-019-00337-5 from GPO.

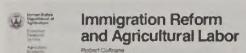
Inmigrants to a nonmetro area held a disproportionate share of jobs in growing business establishments and of better paying executive jobs. Manufacturing was the area's major economic driving force, but the private service sector (which provided services to the manufacturing sector and to the area's growing population) was an important contributor to job growth between 1974 and 1979.



Housing of the Rural Elderly, by Gail D. Arnold. RDRR-42. July 1984. 20 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00335-9 from GPO.

Most of the U.S. elderly live in adequate housing, but 27 percent of the elderly renters

and 18 percent of all the elderly living in the South have inadequate housing. In 1979, 15 percent of the rural elderly lived in adequate housing, compared with 8 percent of the urban elderly. The number of rural elderly households rose 16 percent between 1974 and 1979, compared with a 10-percent increase for all U.S. households, according to this study based on the 1979 Annual Housing Survey.



Immigration Reform and Agricultural Labor, by Robert Coltrane. AER-510. April 1984. 36 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-000-04411-7 from GPO.

Identifies major types of farms which require much seasonal labor and are likely to be required to adjust employment practices because of immigration reform. Legislation, if passed, may force farm employers, at times dependent on illegal foreign workers, to hire either American workers or documented foreign laborers. Unverified information on the type of agricultural work done by illegal immigrants suggests that some cotton, tobacco, and other nongrain field crop farms and livestock farms are major users of illegal immigrant workers.



Impact of Ultra-High Temperature Milk and the U.S. Dairy Industry, by James J. Miller. AER-516. July 1984. 32 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00344-8 from GPO.

Although ultra-high temperature milk (UHT) can be stored without refrigeration, its retail price is higher because of special containers needed for long shelf life. More important, as a major product, UHT will not significantly reduce costs of handling supply-demand variability in the milk-marketing system. This report estimates relative costs of UHT processing, distributing, and retailing.



Agricultural Finance Statistics, 1960-83, by George Amols and Wilson Kaiser. SB-706. April 1984. 60 pp. \$2.25. Order SN: 001-019-00336-7 from GPO.

Presents farm financial statistics, including outstanding farm debt (total,

real estate, and nonreal estate debt) by State and lender and average interest rates for agricultural loans charged by selected lenders for 1960-83.



Generic Advertising of Farm Products, by Rosanna Mentzer Morrison. AIB-481. September 1984. 24 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00361-8 from GPO.

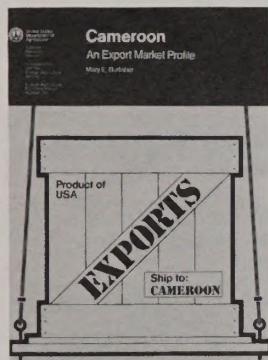
In 1982, American producers, commodity groups, and USDA spent over \$17.6 billion on generic promotion of U.S. farm products domestically and overseas. The effectiveness of generic promotion of a type of food, such as milk, orange juice, or eggs, rather than a particular company's product, may depend on a number of factors such as timing, the supply of the product, and prices of substitute products.



Argentine Agricultural Policies in the Grain and Oilseed Sectors, by Myles J. Mielke. FAER-206.

September 1984. 28 pp.
\$1.75. Order SN: 001-019-
00357-0 from GPO.

Explores how Argentine farm policies have weakened the country's world export role. Mielke says recovery will likely be slow and difficult, drawing few customers from the United States during the eighties. Argentina's new government intends to spur agricultural growth, particularly in the grain and oilseed sectors, by expanding farmland, increasing productivity, and improving transportation and storage facilities. To ease the financial burden on farmers, the Argentine Government must maintain political stability, blunt inflation, reduce national debt, and generate successful farm programs.



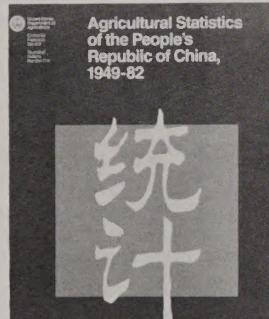
Cameroon: An Export Market Profile, by Mary E. Burfisher. FAER-205. September 1984. 40 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00349-9 from GPO.

Cameroon, a Central African oil-exporting country, has good prospects for continued economic growth, making it an attractive market for increased U.S. agricultural exports. The United States could increase its agricultural sales to the area, currently worth \$6-\$8 million annually.



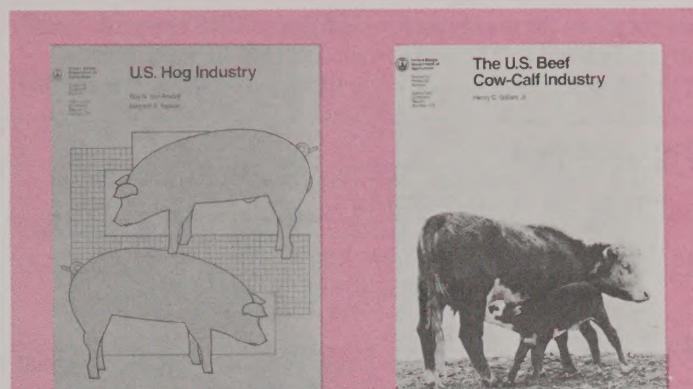
The Brazilian Soybean Industry: Economic Structure and Policy Interventions, by Gary M. Williams and Robert L. Thompson. FAER-200. October 1984. 32 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00332-4 from GPO.

Brazil successfully challenged the United States as a soybean exporter during the seventies by rising from virtually zero to a world share of 20.2 percent for soybeans in 1975, 45.2 percent for soymeal in 1977, and an estimated 36.1 percent for soyoil in 1981. This accomplishment stemmed from subsidies and policies favoring soybean production and exports.



Agricultural Statistics of the People's Republic of China, 1949-82, SB-714. October 1984. 76 pp. \$3.00. Order SN: 001-019-00365-1 from GPO.

Presents 63 tables on land use, population, crop production, area, yield, livestock inventory and slaughter, animal product production, and quantity of imports and exports by commodity, and other topics.



Two Industry Reports

U.S. Hog Industry, by Roy N. Van Arsdall and Kenneth E. Nelson. AER-511. June 1984. 116 pp. \$4.50. Order SN: 001-000-04408-7 from GPO.

Although there were 78 percent fewer hog farmers in 1978 than in 1950, they produced about as much pork, and were located in the same regions of the country. The hog industry has moved rapidly to fewer and larger operations that draw on more capital-intensive technologies, like special housing with automated cleaning and feeding equipment. About 40 percent of all hogs in 1980 were produced in operations selling 1,000 or more head (accounting for 3 percent of total U.S. hog farms).

The U.S. Beef Cow-Calf Industry, by Henry C. Gilliam, Jr. AER-515. September 1984. 72 pp. \$2.75. Order SN: 001-019-00352-9 from GPO.

A look at the structure and operating practices of U.S. beef cow-calf operations. The number of beef cows in the four major U.S. cow-calf production regions fell by about one-fifth between 1975 and 1980 in response to sharp reductions in feeder cattle prices and increases in production costs during the midseventies.



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Commodities

U.S. Peanut Industry. AER-493. November 1982. 52 pp. \$4.75. SN: 001-000-04310-2.
Statistics on Oilseeds and Related Data, 1965-82. SB-695. March 1983. 72 pp. \$5.00. SN: 001-000-04319-6.
The U.S. Poultry Industry: Changing Economics and Structure. AER-502. July 1983. 32pp. \$3.25. SN: 001-000-04342-1.
Characteristics of Farmer Cattle Feeding. AER-503. August 1983. 48 pp. \$3.75. SN: 001-000-04361-7.
Livestock and Meat Statistics: Supplement for 1982. SB-522. October 1983. 160 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-000-04363-3.

Consumer and Food

Couponing's Growth in Food Marketing. AER-486. June 1982. 24 pp. \$3.25. SN: 001-000-04275-1.
The Foodservice Industry: Structure, Organization, and Use of Food, Equipment, and Supplies. SB-690. September 1982. 168 pp. \$6.50. SN: 001-000-04288-2.
Dining Out: Separate Eating Places Keep Customers Happy, Suppliers Busy. AIB-459. July 1983. 100 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-000-04344-7.
Food Consumption, Prices, and Expenditures, 1962-82. SB-702. December 1983. 112 pp. \$4.00. SN: 001-000-04378-1.

Farm and Land

Major Uses of Land in the United States: 1978. AER-487. August 1982. 28 pp. \$3.50. SN: 001-000-04285-8.
Cropland Trends Across the Nation. AER-494. December 1982. 28 pp. \$3.25. SN: 001-019-00328-6.
U.S. Farming in the Early 1980's: Production and Financial Structure. AER-504. August 1983. 64 pp. \$4.25. SN: 001-000-04355-2.
Corporate Farming: Importance, Incentives, and State Restrictions. AER-506. December 1983. 72 pp. \$2.50. SN: 001-000-04391-9.
Farmers' Guide to Trading Agricultural Commodity Options. AIB-463. April 1984. 32 pp. \$1.50. SN: 001-019-00331-6.

International Trade

Developments in the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Community. FAER-172. June 1982. 88 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-000-04271-8.
Sweden's Agricultural Policy. FAER-175. October 1982. 44 pp. \$4.25. SN: 001-000-04300-5.
The EC Market for U.S. Agricultural Exports: A Share Analysis. FAER-179. March 1983. 92 pp. \$5.00. SN: 001-000-04326-9.
Planning and Statistical Systems in China's Agriculture. FAER-181. April 1983. 100 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-000-04329-3.
World Food Aid Needs and Availabilities, 1983. July 1983. 176 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-000-04360-9.
Taiwan: An Export Market Profile. FAER-185. August 1983. 96 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-000-04345-5.
Dominican Republic: An Export Market Profile. FAER-186. August 1983. 36 pp. \$3.50. SN: 001-000-04364-1.
High-Value Agricultural Exports: U.S. Opportunities in the 1980's. FAER-188. September 1983. 88 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-000-04371-4.
Agricultural Statistics of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, 1960-80. SB-700. September 1983. 120 pp. \$4.00. SN: 001-000-04388-9.
Canada's Grain Handling and Transportation System. FAER-192. November 1983. 48 pp. \$1.75. SN: 001-000-04392-7.
Strong Dollar Dampens Demand for U.S. Farm Exports. FAER-193. December 1983. 40 pp. \$2.25. SN: 001-000-04395-1.
Eastern Europe: Agricultural Production and Trade Prospects through 1990. FAER-195. February 1984. 60 pp. \$2.00. SN: 001-000-04405-2.
Honduras: An Export Market Profile. FAER-196. February 1984. 20 pp. \$1.50. SN: 001-000-04397-8.
Brazil: An Export Market Profile. FAER-197. February 1984. 28 pp. \$1.50. SN: 001-000-04396-0.
Patterns and Trends in World Agricultural Land Use. FAER-198. April 1984. 40 pp. \$2.00. SN: 001-000-04409-5.
Venezuela: An Export Market Profile. FAER-201. June 1984. 32 pp. \$1.75. SN: 001-000-04407-9.
World Indices of Agricultural and Food Production, 1974-83. SB-710. July 1984. 172 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-019-00348-1.
World Food Aid Needs and Availabilities, 1984. July 1984. 188 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-019-00353-7.
World Trade in Fruits and Vegetables: Projections for An Enlarged European Community. FAER-202. August 1984. 68 pp. \$2.75. SN: 001-019-00342-1.
Japanese and European Community Agricultural Trade Policies: Some U.S. Strategies. FAER-204. August 1984. 24 pp. \$1.50. SN: 001-019-00338-3.

Inputs

Returns to Corn Pest Management Practices. AER-501. June 1983. 20 pp. \$2.50. SN: 001-000-04339-1.
Pesticide Use and Practices, 1982. AIB-462. December 1983. 20 pp. \$1.25. SN: 001-000-04394-3.
Returns to Corn and Soybean Tillage Practices. AER-508. January 1984. 20 pp. \$1.25. SN: 001-000-04398-6.

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Technology and Energy

Northern Great Plains Coal Mining: Regional Impacts. AIB-452. June 1982. 48 pp. \$5.00. SN: 001-000-04265-3.
New Technologies To Raise Agricultural Efficiencies. AIB-453. August 1982. 48 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-000-04284-0.
Progress of Solar Technology and Potential Farm Uses. AER-489. September 1982. 120 pp. \$5.00 SN: 001-000-04290-4.
Energy and U.S. Agriculture: Irrigation Pumping, 1974-80. AER-495. December 1982. 44 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-019-00329-4.
State Mineral Taxes, 1982. RDRR-36. March 1983. 64 pp. \$4.50. SN: 001-000-04317-0.
A Biomass Energy Production and Use Plan for the United States, 1983-90. AER-505. November 1983. 24 pp. \$1.25. SN: 001-000-04389-7.

Rural Issues

The Hired Farm Working Force of 1981. AER-507. No- vember 1983. 64 pp. \$2.00. SN: 001-000-04370-6.
Farm Population Trends by Farm Characteristics, 1975-80. RDRR-40. February 1984. 48 pp. \$2.00. SN: 001-019-00333-2.

Other Reports

1982 Handbook of Agricultural Charts. AH-609. Novem- ber 1982. 104 pp. \$5.50. SN: 001-000-04305-6.
1983 Handbook of Agricultural Charts. AH-619. Decem- ber 1983. 100 pp. \$5.00. SN: 001-000-04377-3.

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	Enlargements: 1984 Handbook of Agricultural charts (available January 1985)	001-019-00371-5	\$7.50
	Livestock and Meat Statistics, 1983	001-019-00369-3	\$4.50
	Food Consumption, Prices, and Expenditures, 1963-83	001-019-00370-7	\$4.50
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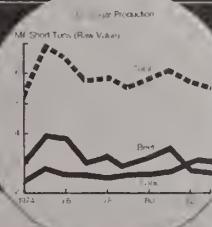
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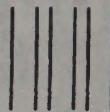
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